

  
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
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Lent 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last year during Lent, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee celebrated a special "*Season of Mercy*." This was a time to focus on how we experience God's mercy, love and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as in our everyday lives.

I would like Lent 2011 to be a continuation of this *Season of Mercy*. Lent is the perfect time to reflect upon how you experience God's mercy in your own life and how you can be an instrument of mercy for others.

Please join me at one of the four Regional Reconciliation Services which I will be leading throughout the archdiocese on Tuesday evenings during Lent at 7 p.m. Each service will include individual confessions.

March 22 – Blessed Trinity Parish, Sheboygan Falls  
March 29 – Holy Apostles Parish, New Berlin  
April 5 – Basilica of St. Josaphat Parish, Milwaukee  
April 12 – St. Lucy Parish, Racine


If you cannot attend a Regional Reconciliation Service, please take the opportunity during this *Season of Mercy* to personally encounter Jesus Christ and His mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation at your parish. Whether it has been years or weeks since your last confession, you can be assured of discovering Christ's forgiveness, peace and love through the sacrament. You can find resources to help you prepare for going to confession on the John Paul II Center Web site at [www.johnpaul2center.org](http://www.johnpaul2center.org).

When Pope Benedict XVI was in the United States in 2008, he said: "To a great extent, the renewal of the Church in America and throughout the world depends upon the renewal of the practice of Penance and the growth in holiness which that sacrament both inspires and accomplishes."

Join me in renewing the practice of frequent confession by participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and reflecting on how we can be instruments of God's mercy during this Lent and throughout the year. May God bless you and your family during this special *Season of Mercy*.

See you at Mass and at the Sacrament of Reconciliation!

Sincerely yours in Christ



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